original attached

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Dear Sylvia,

Your 3/20 crossed my last letter on your Epsteinker memo.

I had ~~ex~~ heard of two other 133-type pix, this one and one that Schweiker got. I have neither.

There has never been a time when I did not believe the pictures were faked, not over the nose shadow. Newcomb's work on the negative overlays was done for me in 1968 but he went to Garrison and it all went crazy.

One of the possibilities has always been that Oswald did the faking or had it done.

I'm not trying to struggle with the Dutch. Or with the English handwriting. While it resembes Oswalds it also seems to be a bit more steady or self-assured than his. However, if Oswald knew the picture to be a fake why not joke with it to deM?

I've also heard that the DeM family is issuing a book this fall, through the lawyer Russell. I take it this is to preserve what can be preserved of his reputation, George's. I believe he has been badly abused. The book is to be or Oswald's writings, of his disenchantment with the USSR.

Jim Tague has become a friend of mine. There is no reporter through whom I can approach Russel. So I've asked Tague to try to find time to speak to Russell and to offer my good offices if there is any possibility of use - and to caution against the buts. No response yet.

Do not be troubled by the picture or the crazy Irish disinformation. You are correct to be concerned ove the silence relating to the picture. I guess those who said nothing feared that it would tend to look incriminating, could get deM in some kind of trouble. Marina, if she knew, may have forgotten about it. And it is possible that deM just had it with his other stuff and that nobody had any occasion to go through any of it - that he also gave it or a copy to Oltmans.

If you can get copies of these two newest I'll dig out my original negatives of the overlays and get the necessary photographic work done. I think Schweiker gave a print to Dick Russell. I'll be thinking a out who else might be able to do this and see if I can arrange for what I think it may show, that again the head and body are not the same size. For the moment it may be that the greatest immediate importance might be why did not the official investigators, any or all, do this work.

Please excuse the rush. This is the morning for my re ular blood test, to determine the coagulating factor of the blood. I'm late. Dave wrone, of Univ. Wisc. Stevens point branch has been here for several days and I'm behind in immediate FOIA matters. He is a fine person and quite responsible. I'm depositing all my papers there and have already begun this. If you have made no other arrangement for yours I strongly urge this one. They have a good attitude, the chancellor is all for it and they have good facilities. They make materials available to other institutions, including high schools. Their communications school has decent photographic and audio and video facilities and has used them. As an example they are making available, sale or rent, tapes of a week of appearances and seminars by Howard, Jim and me. This does offset some of the nut stuff.

When my wife has the copying machine on we'll copy your stats and will include a dupe for you so you won t have to use your originals and risk them if you lend them to another.

Hope your trip is great. Meanwhile, if you have time to learn what is behind the Epsteinking and the financing, please try. Jim and I now have a situation where we expect to be able to depose some CIA types in a suit not for JFK materials but where their word is in question. Hasty best wishes,